

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 24, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 405 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. David H. Steele, Senate Chair
Rep. Joseph G. Murray, House Chair
Sen. Dan R. Eastman
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Ed Mayne
Sen. Carlene M. Walker
Rep. Gerry A. Adair
Rep. Don E. Bush
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Marda Dillree

Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Karen W. Morgan
Rep. Max W. Young

Staff Present:

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Research Analyst
Mr. Keith M. Woodwell, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Junie G. Anderson, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or by contacting the *Committee secretary, Junie Anderson, at 538-1032.*

1. Call to Order

Chair Steele called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Adair moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2002 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Eastman and Rep. Clark absent for the vote.

2. Driver License Applicant Identity Requirements

Chair Steele briefed the Committee on Utah driver license issues.

Mr. Christensen addressed a handout "Utah Driver License Purposes" that was mailed to Committee members prior to the meeting. He reviewed the purposes of the driver license and highway safety issues, and discussed measures taken by the State to ensure highway safety. He also explained the requirements that applicants must meet and what proof of personal identification is necessary to be issued a driver license.

Mr. Woodwell reviewed a handout "Utah Driver Licensing Implications" that was also mailed prior to the meeting. He said the personal identification issue has become more important over time and is now an issue nationwide. He discussed the identity requirements, including provisions for a Social Security number or other identifying number, Utah residency, and proof of legal presence in the United States. He noted that some may not meet the criteria to qualify for a Social Security number or an ITIN (temporary identification number) and, therefore, would be denied a driver license.

Mr. Woodwell also discussed the consequences of possible over-licensing and under-licensing. He spoke about who is licensed that should not be and who is not licensed that should be.

Ms. Judy Hamaker Mann, Driver License Division, said that under-insured motorists have decreased since the ITIN was allowed to be used for licensing purposes. She discussed some of the consequences that could result by prohibiting someone from obtaining a driver license. She said Utah has received publicity as one of the easiest states to obtain a driver license. She explained that the Social Security Administration recently changed its policy and decided not to issue non-work Social Security numbers solely for driver license purposes. This change has reduced the number of driver licenses the Division can issue to the affected population.

Ms. Mann also discussed the effect on customer service when the ITIN was allowed for licensing.

Mr. Christensen distributed and explained "H.B. 350 Driver License Restrictions - 2002 General Session" and "S.B. 133 Application for Driver License Amendments - 2002 General Session." These bills did not pass in the 2002 General Session.

3. Legacy Parkway Update

Mr. John Njord, UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation), distributed a handout "Legacy Parkway Project in Davis County." He said the project is 21% complete but has been on standby since mid-November due to a court injunction. To date, the delay has cost approximately \$100,000 per working day in fees paid to the contractor. This daily cost will lessen over time by shifting work to non-Legacy related construction at Burke Lane and Shepard Lane in Farmington. He said the Department is continuing to purchase right-of-way, which is 82% complete, and to design the project, which is 69% complete. Depending on the court ruling, the project completion date is now 2005.

Mr. Byron Parker, UDOT, answered Rep. Hogue's question regarding the budget and delay challenges. He said decisions concerning the contractor will have to be made in order to keep the delay costs down.

Mr. Njord said the worst-case scenario will be \$15 to \$17 million out-of-pocket for the delay. He noted that the sooner a decision is made in the 10th Circuit Court hearing, the lower the delay costs will be to the State. He assured the Committee that the original contract was the best contract for the project and was written with shared risk to the State and the contractor.

Mr. Njord also clarified that the total cost of the project is anticipated to be \$468 million (\$451 plus \$17 million for the delay) and includes the cost to administer the contract, to purchase the right-of-way, plus the contract with the contractor.

Rep. Dillree expressed appreciation to Mr. Njord and his staff for the excellent service that UDOT provided during the Olympics.

4. Traffic Management Committee Progress

Mr. Doug Hattery, Wasatch Front Regional Council, briefed the Committee on statewide traffic signal coordination and traffic monitoring. He said the progress made thus far is due to the cooperation of

members of the Committee. He introduced Traffic Management Committee members and expressed appreciation for their service.

Mr. Martin C. Knopp, UDOT, gave a presentation "Traffic Management Committee Update" and distributed copies to the Committee. The presentation addressed the Salt Lake Valley signal system, field technologies, management centers, transit technologies, traveler information, public safety and security, benefits to the users, and computer link expansions, including an Internet computer link site - *utahcommuterline.com*.

5. Other Committee Business

Chair Steele asked members of the Committee to turn in the survey of priority study items that was mailed to them prior to the meeting.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Eastman, Sen. Knudson, Sen. Walker, Rep. Adair, and Rep. Clark absent for the vote. Chair Steele adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.